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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: James Phan
Keiichiro ISHIHARA)
: Group Art Unit: 2872
Application No.: 09/696,000)
: Filed: October 26, 2000)
: For: OPTICAL SCANNING) April 30, 2003
APPARATUS, MULTI-BEAM)
OPTICAL SCANNING)
APPARATUS, AND)
IMAGE-FORMING APPARATUS)

Director, the Commissioner of Patents
BOX RCE
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the final Office Action dated December 2, 2002, for two (2) months from March 2, 2003 to May 2, 2003, a Petition for Extension of Time for one (1) month and appropriate fee having been timely filed on April 2, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$ 300.00 to cover the additional fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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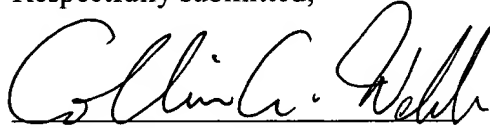
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Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Collin A. Webb", written over a horizontal line.

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